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Honorable Sam Gejdenson
U.S. House of Representatives
2416 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Gejdenson:

Thank you for your letter of July 14, 1995, addressing Apple Computer's (Apple) petition for rulemaking which requests an allocation of spectrum to provide unlicensed communications services. Your constituent, Charles H. Logan, expresses support for Apple's proposed service and emphasizes that this spectrum should be accessible to the public at no charge.

Apple requests that 300 megahertz of spectrum be allocated for a new high-speed, high bandwidth, unlicensed radio service that would permit communications at distances on the order of 10 to 15 kilometers or more. Another petition for rulemaking was filed by Wireless Information Networks Forum (WINForum), requesting that 250 megahertz of spectrum be allocated for a similar service that would communicate at distances of up to 50 meters. WINForum's proposed Shared Unlicensed PErsonal Radio Network (SUPERNet) is designed to allow wireless access to the full range of data communications capabilities now being deployed in landline networks to support multimedia and other resource-intensive applications.

We have placed your correspondence in the docket for the Apple and WINForum petitions (RM-8653 and RM-8648) and assure you that your constituent's letter will be considered before the Commission makes a determination in this proceeding. Thank you for your interest in this matter. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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July 14, 1995

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Mr. William Caton, SEC
Federal Communications Comm.
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Dear Mr. Caton:

I am writing to convey the opinion of one of my constituents. Charles H. Logan wrote to my office after having read of the Apple Computer petition regarding a large block of frequencies from which any American could benefit, free of charge. The article also indicated that the public opinion poll had been completed, but Mr. Logan and I hope that he can still offer his viewpoint.

I have included a copy of Mr. Logan's letter in the hopes that you will still accept comments. Mr. Logan strongly supports the Apple Petition. He believes that it is right to serve the public interest because the government exists for that sole purpose. I hope that, at this late date, you can still take Mr. Logan's insight into consideration.

Thank you for your help and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or my staff at (202) 225-2076.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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July 12, 1995

The Honorable Sam Gejdenson
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Dear Mr. Gejdenson:

I am writing to solicit your support for the proposal by Apple Computer that the FCC set aside a large block of frequencies that any American could use, without fee. I don't know what role Congress is playing in this idea at this point, but according to today's newspaper, the FCC has just finished collecting public comment. Since I had no prior opportunity to make any comment to FCC, I am hoping that you will convey my sentiments to them, as well as make note of them for the time that Congress does become involved in the issue.

The Apple proposal requests 300Mhz be set aside for community-wide broadcasting. A counter-proposal by telephone companies suggests 250 Mhz with a very limited range, suitable for only within-building broadcasting. Those restrictions would help the phone companies protect themselves from competition.

The public interest, as opposed to the interest of the phone companies, would be served better by the Apple proposal, which would allow unlimited innovation and experimentation with new technologies and services. In effect, it would create a small area of air space for the Internet. It is impossible to predict the advances this could lead to, and that is precisely why it should be as broad and as unrestricted in form as possible. Do not let the phone companies control or restrict this exciting new realm of communication and invention.

Congress may be worried that the federal government may lose some money by giving away a small part of the spectrum instead of auctioning it off. I think that is looking at it backward. The spectrum should be seen as belonging, originally and inherently, to The People [or to nobody, which is another way of saying the same thing]...not to the government. Reserving 300 Mhz for unlicensed public use would be giving back to the public what is rightfully its in the first place. The federal revenues that would be "lost" would remain in the hands of taxpayers, who can decide for themselves what is the best and highest use of that money.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Logan

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